Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I am afraid I cannot give any more information on this.

Maharaja's College.

399. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether resolutions have been received for this sitting regarding the desirability of having a College of Science at Ramavarmapuram and a College of Arts at Ernakulam;

(b) what will be the extra charge of teaching work alone if two such Colleges are to be run instead of one ;

(c) whether the Director of Public Instruction had placed before the Government any such scheme ;

(d) whether lands have been acquired for College extension works at Ernakulam and if so, what is the total amount already spent under this head and what rate;

(e) are there not costly buildings in the site now proposed to be acquired; what will be the approximate value of these buildings?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Resolutions were received for the last sitting.

(b) Exact figures are not yet available.

(c) No.

(d) Lands are in process of acquisition. No amount has been actually spent so far. Rates are only being worked out by the Diwan Peishkar.

(e) Yes, there are some. The valuation is not over.

400. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether a detailed estimate regarding the science block for the Maharaja's College to be constructed at Ernakulam had been submitted by the Diwan for the approval of His Highness the Maharaja; if so, when was it submitted?

(b) whether the said estimate has been approved by His Highness the Maharaja ? if not, why not;

(c) when was the said estimate returned from His Highness ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a), (b) and (c) Correspondence between His Highness and the Diwan is confidential.

401. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Madras University authorities have returned the plans for the extension of the Maharaja's College at Ernakualm unapproved; if so, when and why;

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